

we sincerely want to preserve Medicare, to save it for our moms, our dads, our grandparents, and for our children who are depending on us to do so for the future.

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It is a pleasure being with you this evening.

Mr. EHRLICH. It is a pleasure being with everybody. Demagogues hate facts, but truth usually wins out.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I heard a similar quote that said ignorance and bliss is easy. Let me just say that I think it is important for all of our constituents to call us, to write us, to get involved, to come to town meetings and so forth. We are in a huge national debate. We have a budget that has a deficit of about \$140 billion to \$150 billion. We have a \$5 trillion debt. We cannot pass this legacy on to our children, and we will not even be able to do, because the day of reckoning is coming sooner than that.

I will close with one story I tell many, many times, you have all heard it, a story about a guy crossing the road. He gets into the middle of the road, and a car comes whizzing around the corner. All of a sudden, the man jumps out of the way, the car swerves to the same direction. The man jumps to the right, the car swerves to the right; the man jumps to the left, the car swerves to the left. Back and forth. At the last possible minute, the man jumps out of the way, and the car pulls up next to him. The driver rolls down the window, and it is a squirrel, and he says, "It ain't as easy as it looks, is it?"

I think that is the situation we are in in the United States of America right now. We have got a lot of problems, and it is not going to be easy, and it is not going to be something where you can just stay at home and say this is what ought to happen. We all need to be involved in this. But we are America, and Americans have always risen to the challenge, and we will get through these problems today.

Thanks for being with us.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DICKEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 6:00 p.m. and for the balance of the week, on account of attending his daughter's college graduation.

Mr. HOUGHTON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today until 5:30 p.m., on account of official business.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), until 11:30 a.m. today, on account of medical reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOYLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LONGLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, on May 10.

Mr. CHAMBLISS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARR of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Mr. WYNN.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. RANGEL.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota in three instances.

Mr. GORDON in 10 instances.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. PICKETT.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. KLECZKA.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LONGLEY) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. DORNAN in three instances.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. STUMP.

Mr. TORKILDSEN.

Mr. CALLAHAN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. HAYWORTH.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. HOSTETTLER.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, May 10, 1996, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2895. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information: Certification and Nomination Procedures for the Proposed National Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Board (Board) (Docket No. LS-94-015A) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2896. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Rules and Regulations (Docket No. LS-95-010) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2897. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0051-AA24) received May 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2898. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a review of the President's fifth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685 (H. Doc. No. 104-209); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2899. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on assistance to the Red Cross for emergency communications services for members of the Armed Forces and their families, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2602 note; to the Committee on National Security.

2900. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting certification that the standard missile 2 block IV major defense acquisition program is essential to the national security; has no alternative that would cost less; its new estimates are reasonable; and its management structure is adequate, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on National Security.

2901. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Cost Reimbursement Rules for Indirect Costs—Private Sector (DFARS Case 96-D303) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2902. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Educational Assistance: Technical Amendments (RIN: 2900-AH59) received May 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2903. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the current Future Years Defense Program fully funds the support costs associated with the Longbow Apache program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2306(i)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2904. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the fifth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Bank, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2905. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for a United States contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor [ESAF II] to the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility of the International Monetary Fund,